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In re Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2153
Quan Vu et al.) Examiner: Chea, Philip J
Serial No.: 10/673,020) **PETITION TO REVIVE**
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1. A Reply, including a Request for Continued Examination and the corresponding fee is attached.
2. The Petition Fee of \$1540.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) is attached.
3. The entire delay from the due date until filing this petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) was unintentional as evidenced by the declarations of Jonathan O. Owens and Miriam C. Freeman.
4. As this application was filed after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8(a))
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Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) to revive the above-captioned Patent Application as being abandoned due to unintentional delay.

The Application was originally filed on September 25, 2003. A final office action was mailed on September 25, 2007. The application was then unintentionally abandoned for failure to respond.

The Application Should Be Revived

The Applicants submit herewith the attached declarations of Miriam C. Freeman and Jonathan O. Owens in support of a finding that the above-captioned patent application was unintentionally abandoned. Furthermore, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination.

Miriam C. Freeman has been employed as a patent secretary by Haverstock & Owens LLP since February 13, 2007. (Declaration of Freeman, ¶1) Her duties as a patent secretary include supervision and maintenance of records of regularly conducted business activity including, but not limited to, mailings and filings to and from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (Declaration of Freeman, ¶2) Her duties also include utilizing an automated docketing system which allows her to track U.S. Patent and Trademark Office deadlines for applications. (Declaration of Freeman, ¶3) It is the regular practice of Haverstock & Owens LLP to maintain the docketing system for applications of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (Declaration of Freeman, ¶4) The docketing system has been highly useful in preventing the unintentional passing of deadlines; however, it is still subject to human error. Although the assignees, Sony Corporation and Sony Electronics, Inc., intended to respond to the office action in a timely fashion, inexplicably, the deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination for the above-captioned application was unintentionally missed. (Declaration of Freeman, ¶5)

Jonathan O. Owens is one of the attorneys at Haverstock & Owens LLP for the assignee of the above-captioned U.S. Patent application. (Declaration of Owens, ¶1) It is the regular practice of Haverstock & Owens LLP to maintain the docketing system for applications of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. (Declaration of Owens, ¶2) Although the assignees, Sony Corporation and Sony Electronics, Inc., intended to respond to the office action in a timely fashion, inexplicably, the deadline for filing a Request for Continued Examination for the above-captioned application was unintentionally missed. (Declaration of Owens, ¶3) From communications with the assignee, the assignee fully intended not to abandon the application, and specifically wished to file a Request for Continued Examination. (Declaration of Owens, ¶4) Upon learning of the abandonment of this application on May 24, 2008, Haverstock & Owens

LLP immediately began preparing this petition to revive the application. (Declaration of Owens, ¶5)

The Delay Was Unintentional

Applicants meet the standard for unintentional delay. Applicants intended to fully pursue the '830 Patent Application to issuance. (Declaration of Owens, ¶4) Accordingly, the Applicants never intended to abandon the above-captioned patent application. Therefore, the above-captioned patent application was unintentionally abandoned. Accordingly, Applicants and their attorneys hereby request that this application is revived and that the application proceed on the merits.

Enclosed is the petition fee, Declarations of Miriam C. Freeman and Jonathan O. Owens in Support of Petition and a Request for Continued Examination.

The Applicants hereby petition for the revival of the patent application and for the application to proceed on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,
HAVERSTOCK & OWENS LLP

Dated: May 29, 2008

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